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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1888.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STRAKER & CO., 30, Cornhill, GOLDFON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & CO., 37, Finsbury, E.C. SAMUEL DEATH & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLIS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANNECY PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts general.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GODWIN & GODWIN, Melbourne and Sydney. CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., The Amethorpe Co., Colombo. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVILE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HIRSHBERG & CO., Manila. CHINA.—MAIAS, F. A. da Cruz, Sociedad, QUEROL & CO., Amoy, N. MOALIE, Foochow, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALKER, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

B.R.S.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,500,000 Reserve Fund.....\$3,900,000 Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL IRVING. Deputy Chairman—W. H. FOURES, Esq. O. D. BOTTOMLEY, Hon. A. P. McEWEN, S. C. MICHAELSEN, W. G. BRODIE, Esq. J. S. MOSES, Esq. H. L. DALYNTON, L. POONKERS, Esq. H. HOFFUS, Esq. E. A. SOLOMON, Esq. B. LATTON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER—EVAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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LOCAL BILL DISCOUNTED.
Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

NOTICE
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1. 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any year. 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest. 4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances. 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, from the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "In Hongkong Savings' Bank" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China. 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

NOTICE OF FIRMS.

M. R. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm, CHATER & VERNON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

NOTICE.

A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.

This Article, which has been reprinted from the China Review, contains one of the best Sketches of Formosan Life yet written. A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, 5/-—at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and Meiss, Kelly & WALSH, LIMITED, Hongkong; also, Mr. N. MOALIE, Amoy.

Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 363

SAILOR'S HOME.

A NY Cart of Clothing, Books, or

Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1887.

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventh Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, at Noon on FRIDAY, the 23rd Instant, to receive the Report of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

SAM'L J. GOWER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 9, 1888. 401

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, 13th March, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 372

TENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2135

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

SELLING-OFF.

THE ENTIRE STOCK
OF
JAPANESE CURIOS, SILKS,
&c.,
AT REDUCED PRICES.

KUHN & CO.

Be respectfully informed that owing to the closing of this HONGKONG STORE, they have decided to hold previously a 20 DAYS' CLEARANCE SALE, to commence on

Monday,

the 12th instant.

This affords a very favorable opportunity to Art Collectors and wholesale Buyers.

Also,

The whole of the SUBSTANTIAL and ELEGANTLY CARVED TEAKWOOD SHOW CASES covered with MAROON SILK PLUSH, PLATE GLASS MIRRORS, PLATE GLASS TOP COUNTERS, TABLES, WRITING DESKS, MIRRORS, &c., &c., for immediate disposal, and very, whole or in parts.

For particulars apply between the hours of 8 to 10 A.M., to

KUHN & CO.,
opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, March 8, 1888. 397

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

Moderate Fees.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly APPRENTICE and LATERLY ASSISTANT to Dr. Rogers.)

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THIS OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. Rogers.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to Missionaries and Families.

Soil Address.

2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 36

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON AND COTTON YARN at the KOWLOON WHARF will have FREE Storage for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 cents per half month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,
Chromatograph, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,
Tinplate, &c.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VIGORLAND'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

BATCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS.

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English Silks & Electro-Plated Ware.

Charlotte & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.

In great variety.

DIAMONDS

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DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHARF AND DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Contributors to the above Optical

are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's VESSELS should be at hand, Order to REPAIRS, sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & CO.

General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Fifth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, Praya Central, on FRIDAY, the 23rd March at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1888. 363

D. GILLIES.

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

For Piano.

CHAMER'S ETUDES.

Chopin's ETUDES POLONAISES and

BALLADES.

MENDELSSOHN'S COMPOSITIONS and Lieder

OPERA WORKS.

Bach's QUATOUR for 2 Violins,

Alto & Cello, arranged for Piano.

Beethoven's SONATA.

Beethoven's PIANO and FIGURES for Piano.

Field's NOCTURNES.

Wolfgang's WATPHILDE.

Heller's COMPOSITIONS.

NEW SONGS, by Tosti, Molloy, Diesel,

Mr. Lidore da Lara, Wallings, etc.

FOR VIOLIN.

MUSIC.

MASA'S ETUDES.

Rod's CAPERLES.

Zanger's PIECES CHARACTERISTIQUES for 2

Violin.

Violin's Duet.

Ravel's CAPERLES.

Kreutzer's STUDIES.

Florillo's CAPERLES.

Händel's LARGO.

Rameau's GAVOTTE.

Raff's CAVATINA.

Nordica's NOTTUANO.

MATZNER'S and

RIMPHOF's HONORE.

Today's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
Sarpedon,
Captain CHARLES, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 11th instant, at 3 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1888. 387

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Nemos,

Capt. GODDARD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 13th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 10, 1888. 402

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT
SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE.

(Taking cargo at through rates to
CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN
GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and
ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Titania,

Captain M. GAROFOLICH,
will be despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 14th Inst., at
Noon.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHRACH,
Agent.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship
Zafiro,

Captain TALBOT, will be
despatched for the above
Port on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant,
at 4 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 10, 1888. 404

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
Anchises,
Captain LAFAGE, will be
despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1888. 403

SHIPPING.

At 11 a.m.: LS

March 9, 1888.

Norway, Norwegian barque, 657, Tho.
Alb ethan, built Feb. 23, 1880.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Nemos* reports
Fowchow to Amoy, had fresh Northerly
winds and fine weather. Amoy to Swatow.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

F. G. COOPER & CO. AS LOADING.

Destination.

Vessel.

Captain.

Agent.

Date of Leaving.

Bombay, via Straits..... Khiva (s.).

Bremen, and Ports of Call..... Sachsen (s.).

London, and Ports of Call..... Sarpedon (s).

London, and Ports of Call..... Clyde (s.).

London, via Swan Canal..... Anches (s.).

Manila, via Amoy..... Zafiro (s.).

Marseilles, and Ports of Call..... Andry (s.).

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama (Thibet) (s.).

New York, via Suez Canal..... Glenroy (s.).

Penang, via Singapore..... Penfins (s.).

San Francisco, via Yokohama..... Gaelic (s.).

San Francisco, City of New York (s.).

San Francisco..... Great Admiral.

Shanghai, via Amoy..... Stentor (s.).

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta (Hindostan) (s.).

Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok (Monkut) (s.).

Swatow, Amoy and Fowchow (Names) (s.).

Sydney and Melbourne..... Afghan (s.).

Trieste, &c. Titania (s.).

Vancouver (B.C.), via Yokohama (Parthia) (s.).

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd. 40,000

Douglas Steamship Co., Limited 20,000

Indo-China S.N.C., Limited 18,387

China Sugar Company, Limited 3,500

MISCELLANEOUS.

H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. 12,500

H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited 5,100

Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. 3,000

China Sugar Company, Limited 15,000

Hongkong Ice Company, Limited 5,000

Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd. 600

Pearl Sugar Cultivation Co., 5,000

Pearl Tin Mining & Smg Co., 5,000

Fujian & Sungtse Dus-Samstan Mining Co., 40,000

W. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., 17,000

H.K. & Co. Manufactory Co., Ltd. 2,000

H.K. & Co. Tramways Co., Ltd. 1,250

RATES OF!
Depreciation and Insurance Fund.

£ Depreciation and Insurance Fund.

£ At debit.

£ At credit.

THE CHINA MAIL.

have written so much and done so little in connection with Public Companies, when he suggests his possibly early departure from the Colony as a reason for somebody else taking up the cudgels. That, however, in suggesting somebody else, he has only followed in the footsteps of the others who all seemed imbued with the idea that all their blustering should be done seriously at public meetings. That this is the last reference I intend making to these frothy victims of caustic.

That I recommend them to Divine mercy, a course of sulphur, and a free use of the telegraph poles—God bless the Duke of Argyl!

BROWNIE.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Company Limited was held to-day at the office of the General Manager, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Hon. J. Bell Irving presided, and other worthies present. Messrs. W. K. Hughes, J. B. Elias, B. Layton, S. C. Michaelson, Consulting Committee, and Hon. C. P. Chester, Messrs. A. S. Cohen, Mr. McClymont, D. McCulloch, R. Lyall, E. B. Jones, R. Bowes, H. N. Mody, T. E. Davies, R. A. Gubbay, and J. Barton.

The Chairman said:—The Report and statement of accounts having been in your possession for some time, we will as usual, with your permission, take them up. On the occasion of our last annual meeting, I said that we looked forward with confidence to the coming year, and I am glad that I am now in a position to say that this expression of confidence has been fully justified.

The value of sugar has fluctuated considerably during the period under review, influenced to a certain extent by the proceedings of the International Conference, which assembled for the consideration of the question of bounds, and the effect of the final decision which may be come to by this body yet to be seen.

As stated in the report an interim dividend of 6 per cent. was paid on 31st August last, and the accounts now admit of the declaration of a final dividend of a similar amount.

Mr Cox seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Gubbay asked, if the Chairman had any news to communicate.

The Chairman said:—Mr. Gillies offered himself for election, and again observed that the General Agents would be glad if the shareholders would nominate two others of their number; but if they were not prepared to do so, we will make the best arrangements we can. I do not know that there is any other point requiring comment, but if any questions are addressed to me, I will endeavour to answer them.

No questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report.

Mr Cox seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Gubbay asked, if the Chairman had any news to communicate.

The Chairman said:—He could not at present say more. There was a long list of shareholders on the table if any one cared to choose names. He might mention that it was once left to General Agents to try and fill up the vacancies.

Mr. Chester proposed that Mr. Gillies be re-elected.

Mr. McCulloch seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Mody proposed that Mr. Arnold be re-elected auditor.

Mr. Gubbay seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman said:—He might mention they had reduced the auditors to one for the purpose of economy (Applause). He regretted that on this occasion he could not announce that dividend warrants would be ready, but he hoped that before long they would be in a position to make such an announcement (Applause).

little, if any, margin of profit on the process of refining. The recent financial troubles in the Philippines have, however, put a stop to this, and dealers can now obtain advances only on cargo in godown, while planters will make no deliveries until they receive payment. Consequently it is to be hoped that the Company will be able to secure its supplies of raw sugar, at prices more in accordance with those ruling in other markets. An important alteration has been made in the arrangement of the furnaces at the Refinery, by which we are enabled to use Japanese coal instead of Australian, and our manager is of opinion that this will effect a saving of about \$1,000 per month. The new Cube machine referred to in the report should now be very near Manila. Everything has been prepared for erecting and beginning to work it, and if half the anticipations of the management in Manila are realized, the Company has yet a very fair prospect before it, and I can only express a sincere hope that this may prove to be the case. The sad death of Mr. Murray Murray and the departure of Mr. F. D. Seaman from the Colony has left us with Mr. D. Gillies as the only remaining member of the Consulting Committee. As stated in the report, we shall be glad if you will fill up the vacancies, but if you are unprepared to do so, and will leave the matter in our hands, we will make the best arrangements we can. I do not know that there is any other point requiring comment, but if any questions are addressed to me, I will endeavour to answer them.

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SWEET SPRITE—HEIREMILE'S PRAYER.

Oh, riddle me through with a Gatling gun,
Or shoot me out of a mortar;
Oh, paralyze me with a powerful pun;
Or fry me in oil until I am done,
Or flay me alive and quarter.

Aye, grind me to atoms of dust, if you will;
But save me from that which is sorcerous;
Oh, choose any means that quickly will kill;
From a railroad stove to a dynamite mill,
But don't make my room with a snorer.—
Emile Pickhardt, in Albany Argosy.

THE DOG ON TOP IN THE FIGHT.

We know that the world—the great big world—
From the pleasant to the king.
Have the very same tale—the tale we tell—
The very same song we sing.

Hurrah for the dog! the great big dog!
Be the big dog wrong or right;
The world will shout for the dog that wins—
The dog on top in the fight.

And as for men, they care not a fig
Whether it be wrong or right;
They always go for the stronger dog—
The dog on top in the fight.

No one ever stops to ask, you know,
Whether it be wrong or right;
Their hearts all beat if they heat at all
For the dog on top in the fight.

The poor little dog that bears the hate
That comes from the big dog's might,
Can nothing do but yield to his fate—
The dog on top in the fight.—C. D. Smith in Atlanta Constitution.

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

Are you almost disgusted
With life, little man?
I will tell you a wonderful trick
That will bring you contentment.

If anything can—
Do something for somebody, quick!
Do something for somebody, quick!

Are you awfully tired
With play, little girl?
Weary, discouraged and sick?
I'll tell you the loveliest

Gam in the world—
Do something for somebody, quick!

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Though it rains like the rain
Of the flood, little man,
And the clouds are forbidding and thick,
You can make the sun shine

In your soul, little man—
Do something for somebody, quick!

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Though the skies are like brass
Overhead, little girl,
And the wall like a well-heated brick;
And are earthly affairs

In a terrible whirl?

Do something for somebody, quick!

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—Home Guardian.

THE TWO MYSTERIES.
We know not what it is, dear, this sleep so deep and still.—
The folded hands, the awful calm, the cheek so pale and still,
The lids that will not lift again, though we may call and call,
The strange white solitude of peace that settles over all.

We know not what it means, dear, this desolate heart-pain,
The dread that we—
We know not to what sphere the loved who leave us go,

Nor why we're left to wonder still, nor why we do not know.

But this we know, our loved and lost, if they should come this day,
Should come and ask us, What is Life? not one of us could say.

Life is a mystery as deep as death can ever be;

Yet, oh, how sweet it is to us, this life we live and see!

Then night they say, those vanished ones, and blessed is the thought,
So death is sweet to us, beloved, though we may tell you naught;

We may not tell it to the quick, this mystery of death;

Ye may not tell it if ye would, the mystery of breath.

The child who enters life comes not with knowledge or intent,
So those who enter death must go as little children sent;

Nothing is known, but I believe that God is overhead;

And as life is to the living so death is to the dead.

—Mary Mopes Dodge.

SOME ODD COURTSIPS.

EPISODES SHOWING THAT LOVE IS STRANGER THAN FICTION.

(Chicago Tribune.)

There is a veritable incident on record, says an exchange, of an old Scotch dame, toothless and nearly blind, double with the aches and pains of advanced years, who, when asked at what age she had given over thinking of marriage,

"Dead, ye man, I have not a son to take some one else said I."

And we can give another reason to this instance one equal to that of a small American dame, one James, who being once elated by a grown sister for talking of marriage—with the admonition that such little girls should not think of getting married—replied with the utmost amazement of her elder's ignorance:

"Why, I thought about it when I was only two!"

Sir Arthur Helps gave it as his belief that since the world was created, no two couples ever made love after the same fashion. And since it takes all sorts of folks to make a world, they may be fairly supposed to do their courting in all sorts of ways. For instance, the courting of the aborigines of Australia consisted simply in knocking the woman of his preference down with a club and carrying her off. This form of wooing was as efficacious as brief, and was certainly commendable on the score of economy, since it subjected neither party to the expense of lights, fires, oyster suppers, ice-cream, elaborate dresses, flowers, etc., which are the usual concomitants of civilized love-making. But the method of the Aborigines has been tried by other than dusky savages.

It is an historical fact that William the Conqueror conducted his courtship in a similar manner. Having fallen in love with a Flemish maiden, he told her of his preference, but received in return only scorn and indifference. Becoming enraged at this, he one day attacked the damsel in the open street and pommel her unmercifully. The result was that she consented to his suit and made, when married, one

of the meekest wives imaginable. In civilized countries, on our day this courting ceremony is strange to say, sometimes used after marriage.

Some very curious courting customs prevail in Africa. In one tribe of East African it is regarded as the no place of gallantry to parade before the harem. Mungo Park tells of a tribe in the interior where custom compels a woman to carry a calabash of water to the man who has impressed a preference for her. Seated on a mat before the girl he washes his hands in the vessel and then the woman drinks the water as a token of her affection. Less repulsive was the act of the lover among the ancient Persians, who burned his hand to prove his devotion, and then showed it to his lady-love. If she was willing, "the bound the injured part with a bandage, but, if obdurate, she sent the man to the physician for healing salves.

Among the Moors it was the custom for the minister to select wives for the men of his congregation. If the "sister" had any objection to the "brother" selected for her, her partner was permitted to state it, but it was generally overruled by the priest's eloquence. Strange to say, the historian tells that these marriages were generally happy.

In Greenland the services of the pastor of the flock are also called in. A man who has made up his mind that he will marry, goes to the priest and asks him if he is fit to be a husband. The priest replies, "If you want a thing done, do it yourself and do not leave it to others."

He who shall some day, from the rich stories of this fascinating subject, write a history of courtship must not fail to give an important chapter to courtship by ladies. To be sure, this has generally been of the passive sort, but there have been some instances wherein the softer sex has taken the initiative. A writer, whose veracity, however, we do not much favor, gives the following as an actual statute recorded in the old Saxon Code, giving to the lady the privilege that she has taken such poor advantage of:

"Allas as often as leape yeare occures, the womeyn holdeth prerogative over the manne in matters of courtisoun, love and matrimonio; so that when the ladye proposit shal not be lawfule for the manne to say her nay, but he shal entertain her privilige in all courtisoun."

However, whether this law was ever placed on record or not, the practice of female proposals was never adopted, and seems never to have been more than a tradition. There have been instances, of course, of a woman who dared, but not many, for the risk of a refusal was too serious a one to run.

How the Princess Louise of Savoy ever recovered from her humiliation after having forced herself in marriage to Charles, Duke of Bourbon, only to receive a grave but positive refusal, we alone can understand. Ladies, however, are permitted to assist a hapless woor when

Either he fears his fate too much
Or his desert is too small,
Who fears to put it to the touch
And win or lose it all.

Such was the case with the young lady who assured her lover that she could make a beautiful cake, all filled with fruit, with a ring on the top, and when the astonished swain exclaimed, "Why, that is a wedding cake," replied, "I meant wedding, which brought matters to a crisis immediately.

More absurd still, "as the young lady and more daring—who told her admirer that she was a maid-mother, and could read what was going on in his mind at that moment; that he wanted to propose to her, but did not know how to do it, which of course relieved the young man from his embarrassment permanently."

A very bad girl having succeeded in winning a wife, a lady matron teased him to tell her how he ever plucked courage enough to propose.

"Now tell me thy truth to do the working for you!"

"No," answered the gentleman, "but I own she smoothed over the hard places for me."

And this seems to be the ladies' mission in courtship—to smooth over the hard places.

The preferences of the young people are fully understood by the elders, and commendable effort is made to gratify them, the object of the parents being to secure as good a set-out as possible for the young couple. As this ceremony occurs on Shrove Tuesday, it is often a brief wooing to the willing victims, for, least, beginning the following day, which postpone all marriages for six weeks, the majority of the couples are united by the priest the same evening.

Happy is the wooing—which is not long done.

The sentinel of the ardent Celt, was also the herald of the famous Dr. Abernethy. This gentleman, when he made up his mind to marry, was no longer young, and he went about the business in an eminently practical manner. Having met frequently at the house of one of his patients a young woman whose countenance and amiability quite pleased him, he sought a private interview with her, told her he would like to marry her, if she had no objections, but had no time to spend in courting her. If, however, she would marry him, and could be ready in two weeks, he would call and take her to church for the ceremony. She was ready at the time appointed, and neither ever had occasion to regret the very brief preliminaries to what proved to be a most suitable union.

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